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Chief, Transportation Division

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Acting Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, OL

Diesel Tractor [REDACTED]

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REF: Memo to D/L from C/FE dated 3 October 1957

1. Comments in reference are forwarded herewith:

It is felt that ample justification exists at the station for a diesel tractor in the 10,000 to 16,000 lbs drawbar pull range in addition to the D-8 now authorized.

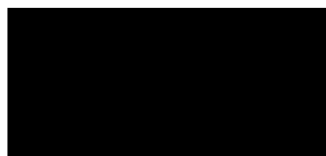
This would allow the flexibility required to accomplish maintenance work in remote areas with minimum haulage difficulties.

2. However, it is recommended that the station consider the use of a D-4 Caterpillar which is powered with a D-315 engine. Caterpillar engines will operate on a wide range of fuels down to a minimum cetane rating of 35. In addition station's indigenous forces are familiar with maintenance on Caterpillar type engines as they have several on hand. The HD-6-G unit specified in the reference has a 15,485 lbs. drawbar pull, and is powered with a Buda engine which we understand is not as tolerant of fuel as the D-315.

3. Back-hoe and angle blade attachments would be extremely useful. It is pointed out that the station already has a front-end loader attachment to a wheel type tractor now on hand. It is not felt that the ripper attachment will function well [REDACTED] at the station.

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